

BOLLING'S ELECTION IS ABOUT CONCEDED

Practically Admitted That He Will Win for City Engineer on First Ballot.

Eugene Davis Apparently Leads in Race as Mr. Bolling's Successor.

Indications point clearly to the election of Charles E. Bolling, Superintendent of the Water Department, to the

office of City Engineer at the joint session of the two branches of the City Council to-night. One of the leaders of the Board of Aldermen, who is lukewarm as to Mr. Bolling's candidacy, admitted yesterday that he would win on the first ballot. An out-and-out champion of Henry P. Beck, Building Inspector, who will look after his campaign in the Common Council, declared that Mr. Beck was beaten.

Bolling's Claims Justified.

Though the opposition to Mr. Bolling has ridiculed the idea that he had a number of pledges to put him into office, the admission has gradually come from all quarters within the past two days that his canvass merely awaits the vote to-night to show that his claims are amply justified. Combination of one kind and another on the part of the opposition is moving forward, the most important being an attempt to delay the matter until June. Holding the balance of power, however, the Bolling faction will insist upon action, threatening a long and bitter contest, with the result that the second ballot, even if it does not end with the first.

Jackson Bolton, regarded as the third candidate in point of voting strength, will receive a number of ballots on the first roll call, but before the result is announced it is said there will be a change and a few of the Bolton ballots will be transferred to the Bellingham promises heretofore made are carried out, there will be quick action.

Some interesting rumors have come to the surface in connection with the candidacy of William P. Marshall, made public at the eleventh hour. It was said yesterday that Mr. Marshall wanted to form a combination with Mr. Beck.

even refusing. It is said to switch to Mr. Marshall for Building Inspector. In the event that he rallied his forces to the Beck column. This proposition was rejected for the reason that practically every member of Council had made up his mind as to how he would vote before Mr. Marshall entered the race, it being the opinion of nearly every one that he and Colonel C. P. E. Burgwyn would not be important factors in the coming election. At the time it appeared to be a duel between Boling and Beck, with Bolton hanging on, but the Boling faction has developed unusual strength, and the election of the Superintendent of the Water Department will be a small conceded. President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, and President Peters, of the Common Council, are two of Mr.

May Be Bitter Speeches.
There has been more or less intima-

tion that some strong talk will be made at the coming speeches, the rampant Bolling leaders have taken the recent differences in the Ragland case against Mr. Beck, while Beck leaders threaten to deal with the agitator at the feeling basin as an argument against Mr. Bolling. The more conservative tendency, however, is against agitation of these matters, and the Council may escape it.

Mr. Dargatz and Mr. Beck personally have conducted the campaign with credit to themselves, and have endeavored to keep down strife and bitterness to the minimum. In the event of Mr. Dargatz's election, Mr. Beck will continue to advocate him, while the office of Building Inspector, while an other lively campaign will be started for the place made vacant by the promotion of Mr. Bolling. The most prom-

tion of Superintendent of the Water Department is E. Eugene Davis, assistant superintendent, who has been in the department for a great many years.

The joint session of Council is called for 7:30 o'clock. There will probably be more or less speaking, but this will accomplish nothing, as votes can hardly be changed. A full attendance is certain. With every member present, twenty-seven votes will elect.

WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

Coroner Taylor Summoned Just After the Physicians Arrived

Taken ill on the way home after having called the police, a city physician and the city ambulance to her aid, Sarah Ballard, a colored woman, about thirty years of age, died at her home, 111 East Grace Street, last night, and then the coroner was called in. Dr. Taylor decided that death was due to congestion of the lungs. As the body was turned over to unfortunate friends, who in turn handed it over to Undertaker Scott, colored.

Miss Werner Loses Watch.

Miss Louise Werner, daughter of Chief of Police Werner, lost a valuable gold watch and fob while on her way to Sunday school yesterday morning. The watch and fob were lost somewhere between Broad and Greenwood streets, and on her way to the Methodist Church. If found Maria Werner would be glad to have them returned to his office in the City Hall.

C. & O. Increases.

The year's earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio for 1937 are shown to

road earned \$10,708,182.81, and in 1900 the earnings were increased to \$13,402,070.27, an advance of \$2,693,887.46

In three years. During the past seven years the increase has been \$12,394,790.71, and since 1897 \$15,087,678.17, or an increase of about 230 per cent. in ten years.

Made General Agent.

R. M. Brander has been appointed general agent of the Kanawha Dispatch, with headquarters at Richwood, succeeding A. S. Cary, resigned to accept service with the Chesapeake and Ohio. J. K. Corbett is appointed traveling freight agent for the Carolinas, with headquarters at Wilmington, N. C.

Engines for Washington Line.
The Washington-Southern has placed an order with the American Locomotive Company for three six-wheel locomotives, delivery to be made in February.

Personals and Briefs.

Miss Nina Ambler Smith left last night for Rocky Mount, N. C., to resume her duties at the Rocky Mount College.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Greene and family have returned to their home in Lambert's Point, after a pleasant visit here.

Miss Josephine Richardson, of Norfolk, is visiting Miss Archie Lee Richardson.